

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1879–S1927

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 559–578, S. Res. 78–80, and S. Con. Res. 11. **Pages S1902–03**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Representative Charles W. Norwood, Jr.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 79, relative to the death of Representative Charles W. Norwood, Jr., of Georgia. **Pages S1890–91**

Senate Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 80, to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in State of Oregon v. Rebecca Michelson, Michele Darr, and Vernon Huffman. **Pages S1926–27**

Continuing Appropriations: Senate resumed consideration of H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 237, to change an effective date. **Pages S1889–90, S1891–97**

Reid Amendment No. 238 (to Amendment No. 237), of a technical nature. **Page S1889**

Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 239, to change an effective date. **Page S1889**

Reid Amendment No. 240 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), of a technical nature. **Page S1889**

Reid Amendment No. 241 (to Amendment No. 240), of a technical nature. **Page S1889**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 71 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 46), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the resolution. **Page S1890**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, February 14, 2007, and that all time

during the adjournment and Morning Business count post-cloture. **Page S1927**

Appointments:

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, appointed the following Senators to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Senators Baucus, Levin, Feinstein, Dorgan, and Brown. **Page S1926**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—46) **Page S1890**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Charles W. Norwood, United States Representative from the State of Georgia, in accordance with S. Res. 79, adjourned at 5:09 p.m., until 12 noon, on Wednesday, February 14, 2007.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine challenges and opportunities relating to rural development, after receiving testimony from Charles W. Fluharty, University of Missouri-Columbia Truman School of

Public Affairs, and Rural Policy Research Institute; Chuck Hassebrook, Center for Rural Affairs, Lyons, Nebraska; Vernon R. Kelley, Three Rivers Planning and Development District, Pontotoc, Mississippi; Mary Holz-Clause, Iowa State University Agriculture Marketing Resource Center, Ames; and Joseph M. Sertich, Jr., Northeast Minnesota Higher Education District, Chisholm, on behalf of the Rural Community College Alliance.

OIL AND NATURAL GAS ROYALTY MANAGEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies concluded an oversight hearing to examine Outer Continental Shelf oil and natural gas royalty management by the Department of the Interior, focusing on energy production on the Outer Continental Shelf and revenue from Federal and Indian mineral leases, after receiving testimony from C. Stephen Allred, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 184, to provide improved rail and surface transportation security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 509, to provide improved aviation security, with amendments;

S. 385, to improve the interoperability of emergency communications equipment, with amendments;

S. 93, to authorize NTIA to borrow against anticipated receipts of the Digital Television and Public Safety Fund to initiate migration to a national IP-enabled emergency network capable of receiving and responding to all citizen activated emergency communications;

S. 84, to establish a United States Boxing Commission to administer the Act;

S. 39, to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

A promotion list in the United States Coast Guard.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held a hearing to examine "Stern Review of the Economics of Climate Change" which analyzes the economic impacts of climate change and stabilizing greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, receiving testimony from Nicholas Stern, Adviser to Her Majesty's Government on the Economics of Climate Change, London, United Kingdom; Henry D. Jacoby, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; and Gary W. Yohe, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to review and report the recommendations of the United States Climate Action Partnership Report, after receiving testimony from Chad Holliday, E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; Fred L. Smith, Jr., Competitive Enterprise Institute, and Jonathan Lash, World Resources Institute, both of Washington, DC; Peter A. Darbee, PG&E Corporation, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the U.S. Climate Action Partnership; Harold G. Hamm, Continental Resources, Inc., Enid, Oklahoma; Stephen A. Elbert, BP America Inc., Warrenville, Illinois; and Kevin Book, Arlington, Virginia.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

HEALTHY FAMILIES ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine The Healthy Families Act, focusing on safeguarding Americans' livelihood, families and health with paid sick days, after receiving testimony from Rajiv Bhatia, University of California at San Francisco, and San Francisco Department of Public Health; Debra L. Ness, National Partnership for Women and Families, and Heidi I. Hartmann, George Washington University Institute for Women's Policy Research, both of Washington, D.C.; Jody Heymann, McGill University Institute for Health and Social Policy, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; and G. Roger King, Jones Day, Columbus, Ohio.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH CARE

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine alternatives

for easing small business health care costs, after receiving testimony from Jon M. Kingsdale, Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Health Insurance Connector Authority, Boston; Mary Beth Senkewicz, MBS Consulting, Ann Sullivan, Women Impacting Public Policy, and William F. Sweetnam, Jr., Groom Law Group, former Benefits Tax Counsel, Office of Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury, all of Washington, D.C.; and Tarren Bragdon, Maine Heritage Policy Center, Portland.

VETERANS PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for veterans programs, after receiving testimony from R. James Nicholson,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Dennis M. Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and Steve Robertson, American Legion, all of Washington, D.C.; Joseph A. Violante, Disabled American Veterans, Cold Spring, Kentucky; David G. Greineder, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland; and John Rowan, Vietnam Veterans of America, Silver Spring, Maryland.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 1006–1036; 1 private bill, H.R. 1037; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 25–36; and H. Res. 158 were introduced. **Pages H1563–64**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1564–65**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Kagen to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H1473**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. **Page H1477**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, February 12:

Recognizing the significance of the 65th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt: H. Res. 122, to recognize the significance of the 65th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and to support the goals of the Japanese American, German American, and Italian American communities in recognizing a National Day of Remembrance to increase public awareness of the events surrounding the restriction, exclusion, and internment of individuals and families during World War II, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 95 and

Pages H1489–90

Lino Perez, Jr. Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 437, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 West Eisenhower Street in Rio Grande City, Texas, as the “Lino Perez, Jr. Post Office”, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 98.

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Disapproving of the decision of the President announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq: The House began debate on H. Con. Res. 63, to disapprove of the decision of the President announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, February 14. **Pages H1492–H1562**

H. Res. 157, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution, was agreed to by a Recorded vote of 232 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 97, after agreeing to order the previous question by a Recorded vote of 227 ayes to 197 noes, Roll No. 96.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed two separate moments of silence in memory of the Honorable Charlie Norwood. **Pages H1500–01, H1502**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1562.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two Recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1489–90, H1490–91, H1491, and H1491–92. There were no quorum calls.